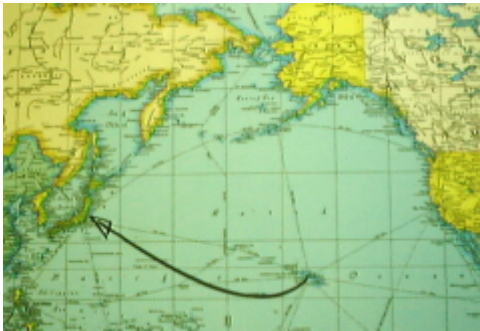


USS Kamehameha



Yokosuka Port Visit

The ship has already traveled thousands of miles. We have sailed from our home in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii to visit Yokosuka, Japan.



The distance from Honolulu to Yokosuka is about 3500 miles. If you walk fast, you can walk 5 miles an hour. How long would it take to walk to Yokosuka?

Well, I'd rather go there on a ship than walk.

Yokosuka (pronounced "yoh koh skah") is a city south of Tokyo, Japan. Many ships and submarines from the United States Navy and the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force have their homes there. This is a picture of a famous Japanese ship, the *Mikasa*, which is now a museum.

We are stopping in Yokosuka to rest. We will also get fresh milk and food, and get mail and newspapers.



This is a picture of me on the bridge. The ship is on the surface in this photo, and it's a pretty day. I like being on the bridge. It's my favorite job. After a long time inside the ship, it's nice to sit on top of the water and look for other ships.



Sometimes we're lucky and can see dolphins swimming on the front of the ship. They like to surf on the wave the ship makes through the water. The wind blows all the time because we are moving. It feels a little like being in a car and rolling the window down. The salty ocean sprays up at me sometimes when the waves get bigger.

The wind can play tricks, though. My hat can blow off in a big wind. The wind and the salt spray makes my hair look funny when I come back inside the ship.

In a few days our ship will leave Yokosuka and sail to Chinhae, Korea. We will meet the SEALs and Divers there, and go to work for an exercise with the Korean and American navies.